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Mail Stop Amendment  
Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 31, 2006, having a response due by October 31, 2006. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

Amendments begin on page 2 of this paper.

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